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Role of transport and transit corridors in ensuring international cooperation, stability and sustainable development

The General Assembly,

Recalling the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The future we want",[1]

Reiterating the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development[2] and of Agenda 21,[3] and recalling the recommendations and conclusions contained in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development[4] concerning transport for sustainable development,

Welcoming the Ashgabat Declaration adopted at the High-level International Conference on the Role of Transit Transport Corridors in Ensuring International Cooperation, Stability and Sustainable Development, held in Ashgabat on 3 and 4 September 2014,[5]

Noting the establishment of the Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Group on Sustainable Transport,

Noting with appreciation the initiative to establish a global partnership for sustainable transport, as announced by the participants in the conference entitled "Sustainable transport as a driver of economic development in the post-2015

[1] Resolution 66/288, annex.
[2] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.
[3] Ibid., annex II.
[4] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2 annex.
[5] A/68/991, annex.

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development agenda", organized jointly by the United Nations Global Compact and the International Road Transport Union, held in New York on 10 October 2014,

Recognizing the important role of environmentally sound, safe, efficient, clean, reliable and affordable transit transport corridors for the efficient movement of goods and people in supporting sustainable economic growth, improving the social welfare of people and enhancing international cooperation and trade among countries,

Highlighting the role of international roads and railways, intermodal logistics centres and dry ports, global logistics and supply chains, integration of transport modes, regulatory frameworks, facilitated border-crossing and customs clearance, appropriate technologies, energy-efficient and low-carbon transport, and maintenance and upgrading of infrastructure in promoting seamless international transit transport,

Emphasizing the need to harmonize and improve transport and border-crossing infrastructure and facilities and services along the international transit transport corridors,

Noting the importance of United Nations Development Account projects focused on developing broader transport corridors and identifying the physical and institutional infrastructure requirements that would be needed to make them operational, to be implemented by the five United Nations regional commissions,

Recalling various General Assembly resolutions on improving global road safety and the need to develop plans to improve road safety along international road transit corridors in line with the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020,

Recognizing the importance of addressing the special needs of landlocked developing countries, inter alia, by establishing and promoting efficient transit transport systems that link them to international markets, and in this regard reaffirming that the Programme of Action to be adopted at the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, to be held in Vienna, from 3 to 5 November 2014, constitutes a fundamental framework for genuine partnerships between landlocked and transit developing countries and their development partners at the national, bilateral, subregional, regional and global levels,

1. *Recognizes* the need for extensive international cooperation to address the issues relating to international transit transport corridors;

2. *Welcomes* the efforts of the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, international organizations, in particular the regional development banks, the World Customs Organization, the World Trade Organization and the International Road Transport Union, regional economic integration organizations and other relevant regional and subregional organizations, within their respective mandates, to develop and operationalize international transit transport corridors;

3. *Calls* for enhancing networking and periodic consultation among related stakeholders involved in the development and operation of the designated international transit transport corridors;

4. *Underscores* the need to mobilize additional financial resources, including through the promotion of public-private partnerships for the development of transport infrastructure and services, in order to achieve inclusive and sustainable development;

5. *Requests* the United Nations system organizations, related international financing institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors, the private sector and international organizations to coordinate their efforts and collaborate to mobilize financial and technical assistance to countries for the sustainable and inclusive development of transit transport corridors;

6. *Invites* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States, relevant regional and international organizations and entities of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, on issues relating to the development of transport and transit corridors and to communicate such views in a summary report to the General Assembly at its seventieth session for further consideration.